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Dear Committee Member:

This letter summarizes the September 15, 1982, meeting of the Jackpile-Paguate Technical Committee.

Attending the meeting were the following:

TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

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The following is a list of the issues addressed at the meeting, and a discussion of the conclusions reached:

Use of Tree Seedlings:

This issue has been resolved. All parties have agreed to the following: Anaconda will plant 500 to 1,000 trees on the site, and will assure that a minimum of 400 trees are surviving three years after planting. The trees planted will be 95 percent one-seed juniper and 5 percent pinon pine. The Pueblo will concur in the locations for the trees prior to planting.

Disposition of Rockpiles:

This issue has been resolved. All parties have agreed to the following: Anaconda will remove all rockpiles on the waste piles, and will not emplace any additional piles during reclamation activities.

Plant Species Selection:

The Committee was not ready to discuss this issue further.

Disposition of the Rail Spur:

The Committee was not ready to discuss this issue further.

Blasting Down of the North and South Paguate Pit Highwalls:

The Committee discussed the possibility of blasting the highwalls into a talus slope. The disposition of these highwalls is a very important concern to the Pueblo. The MMS agreed to seek the advice of the Bureau of Mines on the cost and viability of this alternative. Anaconda agreed to attempt to obtain additional information on this issue.

Waste File Sloping:

The EIS Task Force presented its findings on this issue. The Committee agreed to have a joint tour of the McKinley Coal Mine to view the very successful slope stabilization techniques employed at that mine.

The Committee agreed to address the following issues at the next Committee meeting: plant species selection, disposition of the rail spur, blasting of highwalls, environmental monitoring. Additional issues will be added to this list at a later time.

The next Committee meeting will be held on October 19, 1982, at 9:00 a.m. in the 8th Floor Conference Room of the Western Bank Building.

The contents of this meeting summary were agreed to by the Committee. If any committee member disagrees with any portion of this summary, he should contact me immediately.

Sincerely yours,



Marc E. Nelson  
Committee Chairman